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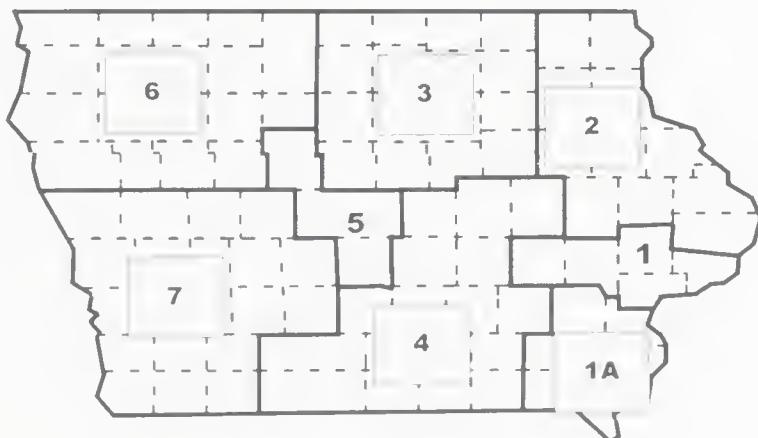
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

Send to: Editor, *The Iowa Collector*
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Presidents Message

Rusty Crawford



Hello and Farewell,

Even with all that has happened, this has been among the fastest years of my life. My term of office ends in October as I pass the gavel to our new President. I have had the opportunity to work with many very qualified and dedicated numismatists. It has been a pleasure to attend the several shows and board meetings over these years and I shall continue to do so as a past President.

The INA remains strong and comprised of outstanding members. I wish to see a greater number of members in our association and will work to that end in coming years. I encourage all INA members to seek out those whose love of numismatics can strengthen our Association. Denny, Bev, Dean, Tom, Chris and John, and all the many unnamed people who serve the INA, I thank you for your help – you know I have needed it.

There are many challenges for Numismatics in the near future. Pressures from without and within our hobby will place increasing demands on our creative efforts. We must work very hard to insure that we remain dedicated to a hobby and do not become just another on-line money making venture. We definitely must be aware of our entities that work to constrain and restrain us in the guise of providing assistance to a public who neither requires or desires those forms of assistance.

Many thanks to all for a fun time. I look forward to the future.

Rusty



From The Secretary's Desk

Beverly Ashton



Hello from Fort Dodge. I got to see a few of you at Adventureland July 13. We had a good time, hope everyone else did also.

This year is election time for the INA board. Ballots go out in August, with them due back before the INA show so they can be tabulated and results given at the board meeting.

Thank you to everyone who responded promptly to the dues notices. I do have one payment that came in that I don't know who sent it to me. So if you sent cash and haven't received your membership card yet contact me. Now I don't want to hear from everybody who hasn't paid, because I do have a way of knowing if it was truly you or not. Something about the payment was unique that only the payee and I would know about. Please let me know or you could get dropped from our mailing list.

Time has really been flying so far this year. Our daughter had her daughter on April 10, 2014. We were all very excited to welcome Khristiannah to the family.

What are the markets doing? Right now gold spot is around \$1,307, with silver about \$20.

See you at the shows.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA Board and Membership Meeting Dates

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 22, 2014 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 13, 2014 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 18, 2014 at Annual INA Show, Altoona, Iowa

October 19, 2014 Open membership meeting, Altoona, Iowa

President Rusty Crawford called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and they were approved., the Treasure's report was given with a balance of \$10,018.66 in the general fund. Denny Ross motioned the report be accepted, Dave Stark seconded and it was approved.

Chris Seuntjens showed us the 50 year pins we had made. Rusty will send letters to recipients ahead of the INA show to invite them to the breakfast. Hopefully more will be able to attend and receive them in person.

Chris reported back on the internal audit. He had been talking with his accountant who happens to have an office in Des Moines & Fort Dodge. She called Bev and discussed a little with her on her opinion of a full-fledged audit and the cost that would entail. She suggested a small sampling to get a feel for how it's being handled. Bev will get back in touch with her and see where to proceed from here. We will see if she can give us some paperwork we could provide to the insurance company also.

Brian Sparks gave us copies of his INA Historian inventory. He mentioned that the past president's plaque needed to be updated. Chris motioned that Brian get it updated, Sam Ashton seconded and it was passed. John Jackson mentioned he still had some boxes of stuff at his place and that will need to be inventoried also.

Dean Parr went over the by-laws and some of the wording was discussed and changed as needed. Dean will make those changes and the up-dating will be done.

Dean went over the nominations for the upcoming ballot. There was some discussion and Bev will send notices out to members who were not present to see if they accept their nominations.

There was discussion about not all shows getting into the Collector in every issue. Denny tried to explain criteria that he goes by in putting upcoming shows on the calender. There was much discussion as to whether or not shows could be listed further out or not or if it was more of having enough room in an issue to get them all listed.

Denny motioned we adjourn, John seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ashton
Secretary/Treasurer

Members present: Rusty Crawford, Denny Ross, Tom Robertson, John Jackson, Sam Ashton, Chris Seuntjens, Dean Parr, Dale Dye, Bev Ashton, Tom Flynn, Brian Sparks, Mick Parr & Dave Stark.

From The Editors Desk

Denny Ross



Here we are, coming into fall already and as far as I am concerned it is getting here way to fast.

All INA members should have received their election ballots and hopefully have completed them and returned them to INA Secretary Beverly Ashton.

Our present INA President, Rusty Crawford, will be passing the gavel to the newly elected INA president at the October INA Coin Show & Convention in Altoona, Iowa.

I personally want to thank Rusty for his time and tireless effort to improve our organization. It has been an honor and privilege to work with Rusty and to count him as a very special friend. I know he will continue to support the INA in whatever capacity he may be asked to.

In the past two years, under the service of Rusty and the Board of Governors the INA has made great strides in improving and strengthening the integrity of our fine Association.

I look forward to working with the newly elected board in whatever capacity they may need.

Remember that as registered INA members the INA welcomes any ideas and input that you feel will improve our hobby.

I look forward to seeing lots of INA members at the INA Coin Show & Convention on October 18th and 19th in Altoona.

I am always looking for numismatic articles to include in The Iowa Collector. You can stop by my table at the shows I attend and present me with your material or make a suggestion as to what you would like to see covered in future issues of The Collector articles.

As always thank you for your support of the INA.

Denny Ross

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Receipts		\$9,665.54	0.00
Dues			
Ads	332.00		
Medals	1,250.00		
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INA Show	25.00		
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	<u>1.92</u>		
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Office Max-paper/ Printer cartridge	1,061.00		
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Checking	7,492.86		0.00
Savings	2,333.80		
Cash	<u>40.00</u>		
	10,018.66		

INA Bylaws

The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina.anaclubs.org>
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Ames ----- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:00 PM Scott Nichols
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Burlington ----- Fourth Tuesday, No meeting in Dec., Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St., 5:30 PM, Roger Armstrong *a* (319) 850-7339

Cedar Rapids ----- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant Cafeteria, 35th St. N. E., Bob Johnson *a* (319) 573-6652

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Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room) 7:30 PM, George Fowler *a* (641) 236-3549

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Keokuk ----- Third Thursday every month, Keokuk Public Library, 210 North 5th Street 7:00 PM, Tom Gardner *a* (319) 524-7366

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Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albia Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albia Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Kermit Uhde (641) 682-0525

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Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM Dr. James E. Ralls *or* (319) 283-4440

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Thank you for your sponsorship!

*Chris Seuntjens
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Clarion, IA (9-4) Boyd LaRue (515) 532-9956 or Bill Soesbe (515) 532-2155

Sept 21 Monthly Collectors Show - Hilton Garden Inn, 2702 Mid America
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Oct 18-19 TNA Convention & Coin Show - Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA
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Oct 19 Tri-State-Coin Show - Diamond Joe's Casino, 302 Bell Street,
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Dec 14 Old Capitol Coin Club Show - Clarion Hotel, I-80 & Hwy 1 (exit
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The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Association Annual Convention held in the fall.

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For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. An application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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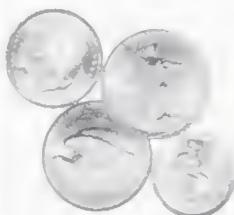
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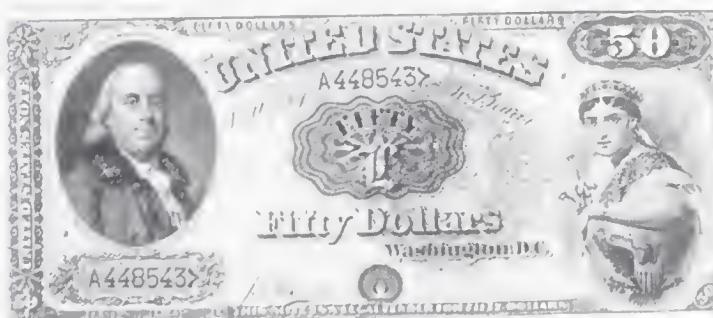
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- A. 1910
- B. 1914

- C. 1909
- D. 1919

Who was the designer of the 1909 Lincoln cent.

- A. George Morgan
- B. Anthony de Francisci

- C. Christian Gobrecht
- D. Victor D. Brenner

Answers to above inside back page

The purpose of the INA is to bring together those persons interested in the hobby of collecting coins. To encourage active participation in Numismatics. To encourage the principles of fair dealing. To study the history of the world through the art of coin, currency, and exonumia. To provide a forum for Iowa numismatists to share their interests and knowledge with prospective new collectors.



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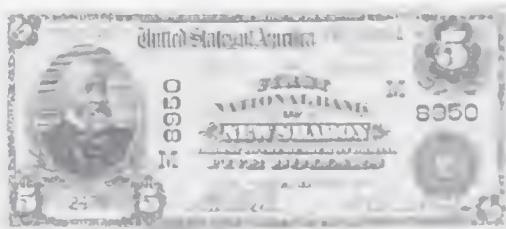
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Early Bird Entry \$25.00	8:00 am
Bourse open to public	9:00 am
Seminar: South Park Room	1:00 pm
Seminar: South Park Room	2:00 pm
Bourse closes	5:00 pm
INA Board Meeting	5:00pm

Sunday October 19th

Membership Breakfast	7:30 am
INA Membership meeting	8:00 am
Presentation 50 Year Pins	8:30am
Bourse open to dealers	9:00 am
Bourse open to public	10:00 am
Bourse closes	4:00pm

Jim & Joyce Paicz from KDS Numismatics will have numismatic books and supplies available.

Educational Seminars

Saturday: Room ? 1:00 pm Rick Steltzer

Topic: Currency Grading

Room ?; 2:00pm Chris Seuntjens

Topic: Investing in precious metals

Raffle Drawing Sunday at 4:00 pm

The INA and the Des Moines Coin Club invites you to attend the
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For further information Contact: Christopher Seuntjens (515) 251-4031
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Seminar Speakers

Rick Steltzer



Currency Grading

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Chris Seuntjens was recently installed as a newly elected member of the Central States Numismatic Society's Board of Governors.



Traveling The World Via Silver Bullion Coins- One Ounce At A Time.

By *Mark Benvenuto*

If you are like many collectors, you enjoy big coins. It's a fact of life that they feel good when you hold them, inspire confidence when you purchase them, and have a big enough surface that many designs strike up very well on them. When it comes to collecting big silver, a relatively inexpensive way to do so, at least right now, is to assemble some sort of collection of silver bullion coins. The one-ounce silver bullion pieces from plenty of countries are available at most big shows, or from many well stocked dealers.

The US Silver Eagle

Someone once said "charity starts at home." Well, so do great bullion coins, apparently. The United States was not the first of the world mints to get into the gold and silver bullion business, but when they did, they did it right. Sure, there are other great possibilities when it comes to designs, but the classic Walking Liberty half dollar obverse remains beautiful, and has been a great image to put on these one-ounce bullion coins. It now comes on a \$1 denomination coin, but we all know it's the silver content that matters. Let's start by purchasing an Eagle coin.



When it comes to collecting these, whether you buy just one and then go with us around the world for other nations bullion coins, or decide to buy one and then a pile more, you have several choices. You could focus on the uncirculated versions made as trade items for the metals and commodities market. They won't cost much more than the price of silver. You could go for proof versions - which do command some premium. You could opt for encapsulated specimens, with grades guaranteed by some third party grading service. These slabs too cost a bit more, but can be rewarding to assemble. And as a couple of years ago, you can even buy "reverse proofs" with frosted fields and mirrored design elements. All of these have something going for them, but some will cost more than others.

The Canadian Maple Leaf

Our northern neighbors have produced silver Maple Leaf bullion coins for roughly the same amount of time that our mint has pounded out the US Eagles. The Royal Canadian Mint's one-ounce coin has a \$5 denomination, which is higher than most of the other corresponding one-ounce pieces. Like our own one-ounce pieces though, there are proof and



regular versions to be had, and a variety of collecting options. Some are very affordable.

The Chinese Silver Pandas

Going across the Pacific, Where does one start when it comes to Pandas?

They are one of the earliest of silver bullion coins. They are different than many others in that the designs change annually. They come in numerous different sizes beyond just one-ounce pieces. Oh, and they can become a collecting mania of their own.



For right now, adding a single one-ounce Panda to your collection is a good way to flesh things out a bit. Pick whichever year and design you like, and keep a sharp eye out so that you don't pay too high a premium.

The Australian Kookaburra

Of all the silver bullion pieces on the world market, this may take the cake for the strangest name. A Kookaburra is, for those of us who remember summer camp songs in which it sat, "in the old gum tree, eating all the gum drops he can see," actually a small Kingfisher. The bird's song is where its name came from. The Perth Mint has been producing silver Kookaburras for over two decades, and they also carry too high a premium when it comes to buying and selling for the collector market. One of these would look good next to an Eagle, a Maple Leaf, and a Panda.



Great Britain's Britannia

Across the Atlantic, Great Britain has also been in the business of making silver and gold bullion coins for decades now, and the Britannia is eagerly bought and sold, right next to the bullion of other nations. The Britannia figure has an ancient history, and actually first appears on some Roman coins. But this most modern rendition is absolutely beautiful.



As well, this year Great Britain has released a silver, one-ounce "Year of the Horse" piece. It appears to be denominated as a 2-pound coin that will be the first in a twelve year series which honors all the years in the Chinese Lunar Cycle. The prices are not too high right now, and this might prove to be a great time to buy one for any growing collection. You'll always have bragging rights of being able to say you got in on the game (or the horse?) early.

The Austrian Philharmonic

Not to be outdone by any of the bigger players in the arena, the Austrian

Mint has been producing a handsome set of what are called Philharmonic coins (the Wiener Philharmoniker) for the past few years. Once again they are one-ounce coins, and once again the only real premiums are for coins in some near-perfect proof state. It might take a bit more time when searching for one of these one-ouncers, but it will be time well spent. The coin design is very attractive.



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Where do we go from this point? Wherever you'd like, really. There are some other one-ounce silver bullion coins we haven't even mentioned, such as the Mexican Libertads, the more recent Russian St. George, the Ukrainian Archangels and something called the Kazakhstani Irbis (yes, that last one is real too). As well, there are plenty of silver dollar sized coins a person could add to a collection composed of one of each of the above. The possibilities for this type of collecting may not be infinite, but they are vast. Have some fun building a handsome collection of big silver. It will most likely give you a lot of joy.

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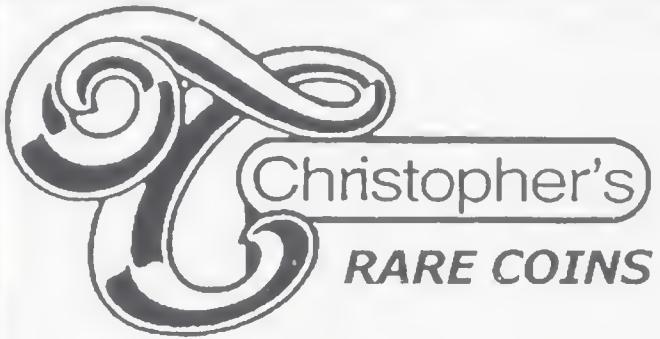
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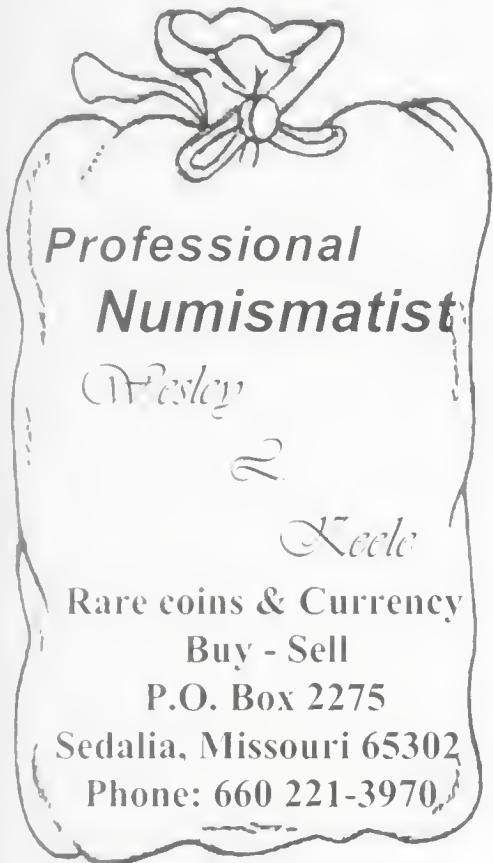
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